

Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig St Anthony  
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School  
Newyddlen Tymor y Hydref - Rhagfyr 20  
Autumn Term Newsletter - 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024



Dear Families

As we approach the end of this term and prepare for the joyous celebration of Christmas, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful work and achievements of our school community.

Advent has been a special time at St Anthony's, as we have focused on the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love. The children have embraced this season of preparation with open hearts, participating in a fabulous Christmas performance and showing so many acts of kindness.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all our staff, who have worked tirelessly to make this season meaningful and memorable for the children, and to you, our parents & families, for your continued support and partnership.

Christmas is a time for reflection, gratitude, and giving. This season reminds us of the Holy Family's journey—a journey of courage, faith, and resilience as they sought safety and shelter in a foreign land. Today, their story resonates deeply with the plight of refugees around the world. Let us hold in our prayers those who, like the Holy Family, are searching for safety and a place to call home.

On behalf of all the staff at St Anthony's we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs C Morris  
Headteacher

**MASS TIMES FOR ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH OVER CHRISTMAS.**

Christmas Eve 5.00pm  
Christmas Day 11.00am



Reminder of term dates for the start of 2025:

<i>Training day</i>	<i>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</i>	
<b>School opens</b>	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	
School closes	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	
		Spring Half term
<b>School opens</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	
Term End	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	
		Easter Holiday



- As a school we cannot thank Viv, Dom's Mum enough! She has gone above and beyond sourcing selection boxes for the children from local Supermarkets and we really appreciate it. On Wednesday Viv also gave her time to DJ our school disco bringing lights and equipment to make it really fun for the children. It really makes a great deal of a difference when people help and support our school, thank you so much Viv!

**FOREST SCHOOL** - Lower school will be recommencing their forest school sessions from January 19<sup>th</sup>.

**SWIMMING** - Unfortunately, due to finances, swimming lessons will not be starting in January. Factors including non-payments and the increasing cost of coaches are the reason for this decision. We will be reviewing this decision later in the new year.

**EARLY ENTITLEMENT** - We can take children the term after their third birthday into nursery for four days a week, 9.00 - 11.30.

Therefore, if your child is 3 now they can start in January or if they have their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday between January and 1<sup>st</sup> April they can start after Easter.



Please contact the school office in January, if you wish your child to start or you know someone who does.